

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 905

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Shannon Dennis Bates of Luttrell.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the untimely passing of Shannon Dennis Bates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Bates served with acumen and alacrity as manager of Bates Market, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Bates was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bates enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife and best friend, DeeDee, with whom he loved to cruise around the Caribbean, and was the proud step-father of Olivia and Kendall; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered by his mother, Joan Bates; father and step-mother, Denny and Cindy Bates; sister, Paula Shawn Braden; step-sister, Elisha Brewer; grandmother, Jean Taylor; step-father, Howard Flynn; and his best buddy, Isaac Rayfield; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Bates will also be sorely missed by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, all of whom he loved very much; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bates leaves this world for a far better one, where he will join his paternal grandparents, Earl and Opal Bates, and his maternal grandfather, Robert Taylor, who preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Bates leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Shannon Dennis Bates, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Shannon Bates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.